

ERASTUS W. LOOMIS

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The Loomis family is of English origin, the paternal ancestor, Joseph Loomis, having emigrated from Braintree, Essex County, England, in the ship "Susan and Ellen," which sailed from London April 11, 1638, and arrived in Boston July 17th of the same year. In the following year he moved with his family, consisting of his wife and five sons and three daughters to Windsor, Litchfield County, Conn. Of his sons, Nathaniel was born in England, and married Elizabeth, daughter of John Moore, November 24, 1653. He died August 19, 1688. His children were Elizabeth, Nathaniel, Abigail, Josiah, Jonathan, David, Hezekiah, Moses, Mindwell, Ebenezer, Mary and Rebecca. Of these David was born January 11, 1667; married, December 8, 1692, Lydia Marsh. He died January 9, 1751. His children were Lydia, David, Aaron, Hephzibah, Eliakim, Elizabeth, Richard and Hannah. Aaron was born September 5, 1686; married, February 5, 1718, Elizabeth Horman, who died April 15, 1783. He died September 13, 1773. Their children were Deborah, Grace, Aaron, Mindwell, Moses, Abner, Esther, Ephraim, Richard, Eli, Issachar, Naomi, Abiah and Lemuel.

Ephraim was born April 1, 1731; married October 31, 1756, Ruth Hifford; for his second wife he married, October 18, 1764, Jane Campbell. He died April 4, 1812. His children were Ephraim, Ruth, Amy, Aaron, Solomon, Jane, Silas, Bildad, Rebecca and Elias. Of these Ephraim, Jr., was born July 12, 1758; married, October 30, 1784, Jane Fyler, who died March 30, 1789; married, second, July 20, 1789, Zervia Hill. He died in 1824. His children were Reuben, Oliver, Ephraim, Asahel, Zerviah, Ruth, Ephraim, Charles G., Roman and Caroline. Reuben Loomis, or the father of our subject, was born in Torrington, Litchfield County, Conn., October 9, 1785. At the age of seventeen he became a member of his uncle Stephen Fyler's family, with whom he resided until he reached his majority. He then